

TELEGRAPHIC

Whig & Courier.

News from the Capital.

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FATAL ACCIDENT. The Press says that Mr. Orlando Libby, a joiner, left his house for the purpose of doing some slight work in the High Street Church. Not returning home at tea time, and long after, his wife became alarmed and sent to Mr. Fessenden, Sexton of the church, for information respecting her husband. Mr. F., who had let Mr. Libby have the keys of the church, went there and found the door locked. He effected an entrance to the edifice by another way, and on lighting the gas, discovered the body of Mr. Libby in front of the altar, lifeless. How long he had been dead no one can tell. It is supposed that Mr. Libby was in the state of the church, doing some repairs, and that he accidentally fell through the skylight over the pulpit, striking one of the large and heavy arm-chairs in the altar, which was smashed to pieces. His death must have been instantaneous.

The Bath Times records a distressing accident, by which a daughter of John Gilmore was burned so severely that she cannot recover. She was reading by a kerosene lamp, which being accidentally knocked over, was set on fire, and the oil instantly took fire and ran to her clothing in a blaze. She sprang up and ran to the door, where her father followed her, pulling from her what her clothing could be removed. Miss Gilmore, frantic with agony—the flames now covering her whole person—wrestled herself from her father's grasp, and ran some thirty yards to the street, where her father followed her, and with the assistance of another person, succeeded in relieving the sufferer of her clothing. Her neck, chest, and right arm were burnt almost to a crisp.

BATH AND ROCKLAND RAILROAD. The Bath Times reports the proceedings of a public meeting at that place on Monday evening. An committee reported that all the towns between Bath and Rockland are in favor of building the road and of building a bridge, and both were sanguine and assured the meeting that the people on the route are sanguine, that the road is now to be built, and the Kennebec bridge at Bath. They considered the necessary amount funds as good as already pledged.

The St. Croix Courier says that the International Steamship Company will keep about on the route between Boston, Eastport and St. John, all winter. The New England makes her last trip to Boston this week, but she will make two more trips between Portland and St. John to clear up arrears of freight on the 10th and 17th inst.

DEATH FROM SCALDING. The Farmer says that on Sunday, 4th inst., a child of Mr. George E. Dudgey of East Redfield, aged about sixteen months, was scalded by pouring a dipper of boiling water over his head and stomach in the absence of his mother. The child lingered until Monday morning last in much pain, when he expired.

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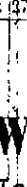
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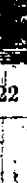
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